

# SHADOW MAN IN STOCKTON: A FRIENDLY HAUNTING?

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**K**risten Simmons reached out to us with a peculiar and intriguing case of paranormal activity at her home. Her dad has built the house himself, and to her knowledge, no one had passed away there except for a few pets.

Despite this, both Kristen and her step-sister Deborah Ortega had been witnessing a shadowy figure moving about the house. Kristen recounted seeing the shadow outside her bedroom door, confirming it couldn't have been her sister, who was busy elsewhere in the house.

The house was broken into a few years before, and it required major repairs. As such, Kristen and Deborah had only recently moved back in and started noticing the shadow man. They didn't feel the presence was evil or demonic, but it was definitely making itself known. Kristen asked if we could investigate the phenomena occurring in their home in Stockton, California.

## HPI Paranormal Investigators: On the Case

I along with one of our new investigators at the time, Brian Ingwersen, took on the case. Brian asked numerous questions during the briefing with Kristen.

The primary concern was identifying if the house was indeed haunted, as both Kristen and Deborah had seen the shadow figure, primarily in the kitchen area and hallway. Given that Kristen felt the entity posed no threat, no cleansing was planned.

## The Investigation

Brian systematically took photographs of each room in the house, aiming to capture any anomalies. Meanwhile, I conducted an EVP sweep throughout the house. Though there were a few instances of what sounded like Class C whispers or breath sounds, these could easily have been attributed to Paul himself. Despite our efforts, no significant evidence was captured inside the house.

Entities sometimes seem to avoid ghost hunters, possibly stepping outside to evade interaction. With this in mind, we decided to extend our investigation outdoors.



**Kristen asked us to investigate her home after she repeatedly saw a shadowy figure moving through the house.**

Outside the house, we finally caught a breakthrough. We recorded a Class B EVP of a male voice saying, "Go away, we don't want to talk anymore."

This response indicated that the entity, much like a living person avoiding someone at a party, stepped out to avoid us. The voice suggested a clear desire for privacy, validating Kristen and Deborah's experiences.

## Final Thought

The investigation confirmed that the house had paranormal activity. The recorded EVP outside suggested the presence of an entity that preferred not to interact with us. Given the nature of the response, I concluded that the entity was not hostile.

In fact, I believe the entity might be a friendly spirit, perhaps a deceased relative or friend looking over Kristen and Deborah. The fact that the entity did not exhibit any harmful behavior aligned with Kristen's initial feeling that it was not a threat. ♦